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Title : Optical Pickup Device and Optical Disk Playback Device
Provided Therewith

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated May 31, 2007, Applicant elects, with traverse, Species C corresponding to Figure 3. Claims 3-6 encompass this species. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed toward the non-elected claims.

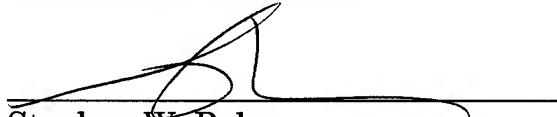
Applicant traverses the Election Requirement on the grounds that the Requirement has not provided any evidence of an examination and search burden. Specifically, the Requirement merely states, without identifying any separate areas of search or different search queries, that examination of the different species requires different fields of search. If this Requirement is maintained, Applicant respectfully requests that the next communication from the Patent Office identify the different search areas required for searching and examining the different species.

If there are any questions regarding this application, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #010482.52834US).

Respectfully submitted,

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